

BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
News Release

DATE: September 24, 2005
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SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Accident with Injury

At 2100 hours on September 24, 2005, Blacksburg Police responded to the 400 block of North Main Street at the intersection of the Va; Tech Mall for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian with injury.

Police arrived and during the course of their investigation determined that a 17 year old Virginia Tech Student, Rachel Andersen, was crossing the street in a marked crosswalk. According to witnesses at the scene, southbound traffic in the right lane on Main Street had already stopped to yield to the pedestrian in the crosswalk, when a pickup truck turned left off nearby Faculty street and accelerated onto Main Street traveling south. The driver of the pickup truck then struck the pedestrian with the right front portion of his vehicle.

Police cited Brian J. Russell, 22, of Maryland with Reckless Driving during the course of their investigation.

The victim, Ms. Andersen, was transported by Blacksburg Rescue to Montgomery Regional Hospital for treatment. At the time of this release her condition was not available.
